

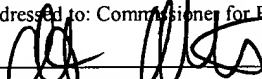


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2003, for which a response was due on March 10, 2003 and for which a five (5) month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from March 10, 2003, to August 10, 2003.

Applicant hereby elects Group II (claims 31-54), without traverse. Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

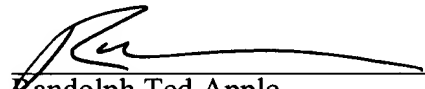
Applicant requests examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 286002023020. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 8, 2003

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